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## REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

### Status of Claims

Claims 1-21 and 33 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-22 and 33 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 11, 12, 15, 17-18 and 21 have been amended. Claim 22 has been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 3-6, 10, 13-14, 16, 20 and 33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

### CLAIM REJECTIONS

### 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 10 has been amended to recite: "... the client agent unit is adapted to store real responses and to forward said stored real responses to the client upon receiving a re-load request for the stored real response from the client." for which the Examiner has alleged that there is no support in the specification.

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Claim 10 has been cancelled. Accordingly the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

## 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-21 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,978,841 to Berger (the '841 patent). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

The '841 patent discloses "The invention is directed to ...including ... a process, running on the computer, predicting anticipated user retrievals from the information system and retrieving one or more anticipated user retrieval requests **before they are requested by the user**". (Summary. Emphasis added). This citation is only a representative example. The feature "retrieving one or more anticipated user retrieval requests **before they are requested by the user**" is repeated many times in the description of the invention and in the claims, and is presented as a goal of the invention. The '841 patent fails to teach or suggest and the Examiner does not suggest that it teaches or suggests all the limitations of independent claims 1 and 11, as amended. Inter alia, the '841 fails to disclose or suggest "wherein the predictive server is capable of: ... analyzing the server's first response to a request issued by the client for a web page; generating a list of predictive requests for objects needed for presenting a web page based on the content of the server's first response", as recited in independent claim 1 as amended, or "analyzing the server's first response to a request issued by the client for a web page; generating a list of predictive requests for objects needed for presenting a web page based on the content of the server's first response", as recited in independent claim 11, as amended. The '841 patent recites, for example: "Look-ahead caching is only useful if the preloaded information is subsequently requested by the user. An LCP uses information previously requested by the user to improve the probability that a future user request will match preloaded information". (Col. 2, Line 57-62) (Emphasis added). Thus it is apparent that the '841 patent teaches a system and method different from those claimed in the present application, aiming to solve problem ("to improve the probability that a future user request will match preloaded information") which does not exist in the claimed invention of the present application.

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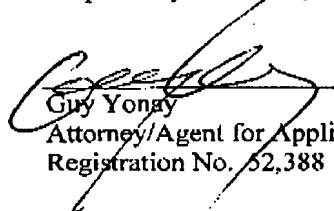FILED:          February 21, 2001
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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that amended independent claims 1 and 11 are allowable. Claims 2-4, 10, 12-14, 16, 20 and 33 have been cancelled. Claims 5, 8-9 and 21, 15 and 17-19 depend from, directly or indirectly, amended independent claims 1 and 11 respectively and therefore include all the limitations of those claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 2-10, 12-21 and 33 are likewise allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to amended independent claims 1 and 11 and to claims 2-10, 33 and 12-21 dependent thereon.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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